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N.O.W. MEDALS

Check the last page of your most recent N.O.W. News. You will find a picture of the medal which was struck for the N.O.W. Convention in Racine. It is about the size of a dollar and shows an outline of Wisconsin with a badger superimposed. The reverse side shows a lighthouse in Racine which was torn down in 1961.

A few of the Oroide medals (brass gilt) are left and anyone wishing to buy one can contact Mr. Ralph M. Parker, 2615 Ole Davidson Road, Racine. They cost just one dollar.

Silver medals (struck on a Silver Dollar) were given to all past and honored presidents of the Racine Club and Numismatists of Wisconsin.

NOT RECEIVING YOUR COPY OF N.O.W. NEWS?

We keep hearing from paid-up members who haven't been receiving their copy of N.O.W. News. If you know of anyone who is in this group, please notify your N.O.W. secretary, Gene Johnson, at once.

A.N.A.

At the last governors' meeting, a question arose on A.N.A. membership for N.O.W. Clayton High, our liaison officer with A.N.A., has forwarded this information. We are once again paid up and our A.N.A. number is a nice round 44,000.



N.O.W. BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

An interim meeting of the Board of Governors will be held in Madison on Sunday, September 29th. This will be during the 2nd Annual Madison Coin Show. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss plans for our spring convention, which will also be held in Madison.

It is hoped that all governors and interested persons will be able to attend the meeting at 3:30 p.m. following the auction.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

A new N.O.W. membership directory will be drawn up sometime after October 1. Only paid-up members will be listed. Secretary, Gene Johnson, 1921 Chase Street, Wisconsin Rapids, reports that all delinquent members were notified as of July 31st. If you wish to continue to receive the N.O.W. News and to be included in the new directory, send your \$1.00 in now. (Your dues are not paid if your address is circled in red)

EDITORIAL

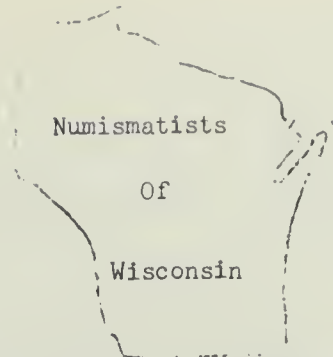
A recent statement by Gordon Gill at a local club meeting is food for thought. Mr. Gill stressed the need to get back to collecting for the joy and knowledge of the hobby. Your editor concurred solidly in this viewpoint.

Many collectors never really find enjoyment in their professed hobby because of their blind desire to make a profit in buying and selling coins. These people are always looking for a "good deal", not because they want the item for their collection, but because they can make a fast buck selling the item somewhere else.

At some club meetings it becomes quite mercenary. Lost is the joy of sharing knowledge with each other in the desire to "get to the auction." We have a fine hobby -- let's keep it that way!

BRIEF HISTORY OF N.O.W. - Part 2

By Chester L. Krause
N.O.W. President



Although we had formally come into being in July of 1959, our first convention was not held until May of 1960. The Milwaukee Numismatic Society was our host, held at the Pfister Hotel at the east end of Wisconsin Avenue. It marked an important beginning.

This meeting provided something for us that hadn't been seen too often in the past and I rather doubt that it will in the future. Among the enumerable displays, a factor always present at Milwaukee, was three displays of odd and curious moneys, each containing the equivalent of several cases. Dick Rosholm of Round Lake, Illinois, who has since passed on, had his entire collection there, and what an array it was; must have been at least 20 cases. Gale Highsmith, Milwaukee, whose material you still might see, also showed nearly as many cases. Jim Kelly of Dayton handled the auction.

The 1962 convention was hosted by the Fox Valley Coin Club of Appleton in the Masonic Building in May. Aside from not having adequate electrical outlets, it proved a wonderful meeting spot and this minor problem was overcome after an anxious hour or two. Significant at the meeting was the weather. The Saturday sun proved only a sample of what was to come on Sunday. It was really a sweltering day.

It was at this meeting I became your president only after last minute developments which caused the withdrawals of other candidates. I accepted with great reluctance, in that I felt ample time could not be spared to do justice to the job.

The 1963 convention held at Racine some time ago was a great success. Held at a brand new motel, it provided a most favorable setting for our third formal meeting. Fortunately, for me, N.O.W. has a very capable arm of the organization headquartered at Racine. As members of the Racine Club, they spared your up-state official many a problem.

There have been many interesting sidelight stories to N.O.W. too. In January, 1962, President Branigan called a board meeting at the Embers Club at Madison. The day produced a terrific snow storm and members from southeast Wisconsin never did get there. When some of us arrived early and called the Gordon Gills, our Madison host, they were surprised to hear of our presence in town.

I hope in future issues Bob Branigan will take time for remarks of our beginning years, for he, as your first leader, was nearer the center of things than I.

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OLD ROMAN COINS IN WISCONSIN

The Milwaukee Journal recently suggested that long ago a Roman legion at one time must have marched across Wisconsin. This comment was made after several reports were received from persons who found old Roman coins at various points in the state. The incidents had been reported after the Journal had published an account of a recent discovery of a Roman coin at Elkhart Lake.

Elmer Baumgart of Milwaukee, reported having found a coin minted about 300 A.D. The coin had been found near the Milwaukee River about 35 years ago. Another coin, now the property of Mrs. Melvin Pagenkoph of West Allis, was unearthed by a plow near Wausaukee about 20 years ago. Mrs. Roy J. Janasiak of Milwaukee, now owns a similar coin which was found some 30 years ago near Shawano.

MILWAUKEE PLANS SHOW AND BANQUET

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society will hold its annual coin show and banquet October 13, at the Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, at the lake front. This will be a one day affair.

General Chairman:	Harry Collura, 9276 N. Sleepy Hollow Lane
Display Chm.	Walter J. Boeyer, 3869 N. 84th Street
Bourse Chm.	Charles F. Heller, 4556 N. 23rd Street
Publicity & Banquet Chm.	Gale V. Highsmith, 2825 S. Burrell Street
Auction Chm.	Donald Handschke, 2729 N. 23rd Street

Anyone wanting further information, please contact Mr. Collura.

FOND DU LAC GROUPS PLAN JAMBOREE

Plans have been announced for the Fond du Lac Coin and Stamp Jamboree to be held Sunday, November 3, at the Karl Ray Lanes, West on Highway 151, Fond-du Lac, Wisconsin.

The show is being sponsored by the Fond du Lac Coin Club, the Fond du Lac Philatelic Society, and the Collectors Club of Fond du Lac. The doors will open at 10 a.m. and no admission fee will be charged. Everyone will be welcome.

WAUKESHA CLUB WILL OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

The 10th anniversary of the Waukesha Coin Club will be observed with a banquet and 125 lot auction at the Avalon Hotel in Waukesha on September 21. Festivities will start at 1 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. followed by an auction.

Guest speaker will be Chester Krause, president of N.O.W. and publisher of Numismatic News and Coins Magazine.

The door prizes will be an uncirculated \$5 gold piece, and five \$5.00 bills.

Dinner tickets are priced at \$3. Bourse tables are \$10 with dinner ticket; one show case per table may be reserved. If you are interested in either bourse or dinner reservations, please contact Fred Sayles, W. Center Street, Brookfield, or Ray Ackermann, 18550 W. College Avenue, Muskego, Wisconsin.

NEIGHBORING CLUB PLANS SHOW

The Rockford Area Coin Club will hold a fall show at the Lafayette Hotel in Rockford, Illinois on Sunday, September 22nd. Show hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and both bourse and exhibits will be open to everyone.

Bourse table fees are \$15. Reservations may be made by sending request to Ralph Winquist, 1004 C. Street, Rockford, Illinois.



BELOIT - JANESVILLE 7TH ANNUAL COIN CONVENTION

The Beloit - Janesville Coin Clubs are holding their 7th Annual Show at Parker Pen Co. again this year. It is on Highway 51, 1-1/2 miles north of Janesville. Doors will be open Saturday, October 26th from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, October 27th from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. A banquet is planned for Saturday at 6 p.m.

CIRCUS CITY FESTIVAL

The Baraboo Coin Club is preparing to hold its first Annual Coin Show on October 20. This is a change in date, so check your calendar. The show will be held at the Elks Club downtown at 5th and Broadway. Doors will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with admission free.

Bourse tables may be reserved at \$5.00 each by sending requests to Kenneth Kinnamon, 114 6th Avenue, Baraboo. Exhibit chairman is Alice Ruhland, 518 West Main Street, Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

This is the first show for Baraboo's Club, and we hope it will be a big success.



MADISON TO HOLD CONVENTION

Plans for the Madison Coin Club's Second Annual Convention are now complete. The show will be held September 28 and 29 at the East Side Business Mens Club, 3735 Monona Drive, Madison, Wisconsin. This will be the club's second show and will lead to the Numismatists of Wisconsin Convention, which will be hosted by the Madison Club in the Spring of 1964.

Bourse is already full and includes dealers from 5 states and Canada. As special protection to the bourse, absolutely no "briefcase" dealers will be allowed to operate on the bourse floor. All buying and selling must be through the legitimate bourse.

The auction will be conducted by Roy Miller of Racine, who held the N.O.W. Convention auction this year. He plans a mail-floor bid auction with 150 lots. It will be held downstairs Sunday afternoon.

Exhibits, which are the highlight of any show, will be better than last year, which included odd and curious, paper money, ancient and modern coinage and tokens. Exhibit chairman, Roland Koerth, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, reports that the number of cases reserved for exhibits already exceeds the total for last year. For competitive exhibits there is a limit of 3 cases for coins and 5 cases for currency.

A new feature of this year's event will be a luncheon and style show for the ladies at Manchesters in downtown Madison. Those interested should register and pick up tickets by 1 p.m. Saturday. Transportation will be furnished.

The East Side Business Mens Club is a beautiful new building over-looking Lake Monona and lots of free parking is available. Food will be available at the Club.

We hope everyone will be able to attend this show. For further information contact either Ronald Calkins or Myron Bergenske, Box 1412, Madison, Wis.

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SUCCESSFUL PICNIC

On June 30th, the Wisconsin Valley Coin Club hosted an extremely well-planned and successful picnic at the Legion Park in Merrill. In addition to fun and games for all, an auction was held. One of the high points of the day turned out to be the barbecue lunch.

MADISON REPORTS ENJOYABLE TALKS

The Madison Coin Club reports that one of their most interesting programs was given by Myron Bergenske, who reported on a trip through Canada. He related that in his travels he had stopped at about 150 banks looking for uncirculated coins and collected only two rolls of dimes. It appeared that although the Canadian mint is minting coins, none are reaching the banks, presumably being held until the price of silver stabilizes. He said that the banks there were selling new coins they receive at a profit; that new silver dollars sold at \$2.25 American or \$2.40 Canadian and uncirculated half dollars were at a premium and no proof-like sets were available. Among coins he had seen in Canada was a double struck 1936 dot cent.

CLUBS HEAR N.O.W. SPEAKER

President Krause spoke before the Cassville Club on June 12th, Viroqua on July 10th, Wisconsin Coin Dealer in Milwaukee, August 13th, and will speak at the Waukesha banquet September 21st. N.O.W. speakers are available for the asking. Let us know if we can help you.

EDITOR'S NOTE (We understand the Viroqua meeting turned out to be quite an affair for our president and secretary. Mr. Krause & Mr. Johnson drove 150 miles on July 9, only to find themselves a day early. Since Gene collects beer chips (he has over 2,000 of them from Wisconsin), they made 9 places on the way home--Hic!)



BEAVER DAM CLUB HAS JUNIOR NIGHT

A Junior Night dedicated especially to collectors 18 years of age and under was held by the Beaver Dam Wisconsin Coin Club. The junior members and guests brought displays. Among the awards given was a Seattle World's Fair Token as the Best of Show. Dale Beske of Waupun won the Grand Prize Ribbon.

Virgil Jackson, a senior member of the Beaver Dam Club, displayed the trophy which he won at the Monroe Coin Show for his display of paper money.

NEW ARRIVAL

We wish to welcome the Richland Center Coin Club to the growing ranks of Wisconsin coin clubs. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Krouscup Store.



FALL CONVENTIONS

We're very happy to see the varying dates for the conventions coming up this fall. None of the shows which we have listed are overlapping. Therefore, no one will have to miss a show he might want to attend because of conflicting dates with another event. Congratulations to the various convention committees.

SHOW CALENDAR

Sept. 21 -- Waukesha Coin Club 10th Anniversary banquet at the Avalon Hotel in Waukesha. Fred Sayles, 12450 W. Center St., Brookfield or Ray Ackermann, 18550 W. College Ave., Muskego.

Sept. 22 -- Rockford Area Coin Club Fall Show at the Hotel Lafayette. Ralph Winquist, 1004 C Street, Rockford, Illinois.

Sept. 28-29 -- Madison Coin Club 2nd Annual Show, East Side Businessmens Club, Madison. A. Gordon Gill, Box 1412, Madison, Wis.

Oct. 6 -- Fox Valley Coin Club 7th Annual Fall Jamboree at the Conway Motor Hotel, 128 N. Oneida St., Appleton. Clarence Kositzke, 310 S. Summit St., Appleton, Wis.

Oct. 13 -- Milwaukee Numismatic Society Annual Show & Bourse at the Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Milwaukee. Harry Collura, 9276 N. Sleepy Hollow Lane, Milwaukee 17.

Oct. 20 -- Baraboo Coin Club 1st Annual Show at the Elks Club in Baraboo. Kenneth Kinnamon, 114 6th Ave., Baraboo, Wis.

Oct. 26-27 -- Beloit-Janesville Coin Club Convention at Parker Pen Co., Hwy. 51, Janesville. Pat Hamilton, 205 State St., Beloit, Wis.

Nov. 3 -- Fond du Lac Coin & Stamp Jamboree at Karl Ray Lanes, Hwy. 151 West, Fond du Lac, Wis.



